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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to see the Microsoft antitrust case settle as soon as possible. I do not believe this case should have been brought against Microsoft in the first place. It is in the best interest of everyone that the Court approves the settlement as soon as possible.

Microsoft has really gone far beyond what should be expected of them in the interest of bringing this case to a close. They have taken steps to make their servers operable with those of its competitors. They have also agreed not to impose any contractual restrictions on third parties that will require them to exclusively distribute or promote Microsoft products. These types of concessions will help ensure that no antitrust laws are violated.

Settling this case will benefit the technology industry and consumers alike. Thank you for your efforts to bring this case to its resolution.

Sincerely,

Keith Bingaman

cc: Senator Rick Santorum

Representative George W. Gekas